



Roger Goodell Upholds Tom Brady's 4-Game Suspension

In this June 2015 photo, New England Patriot's quarterback Tom Brady arrives for his appeal hearing at NFL headquarters in New York. Brady's 4-game suspension has been upheld by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, Tuesday, July 28, 2015.

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AP: Fighting between Turkey and Kurds escalates amid NATO meet

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Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) Fighting between the Turkish military and Kurdish rebels escalated Tuesday amid signs of unease from NATO allies attending an emergency meeting about Turkey's conflicts with the Islamic State group and the Kurds.

On a violent day, Turkish fighter jets pounded rebels from the Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK after soldiers were fired on with heavy weaponry in Sirnak province, according to a military statement. Turkish soldiers also came under attack in two other incidents. Meanwhile, NATO allies met in a rare emergency meeting at Turkey's request and proclaimed "strong solidarity" with the country's fight against the Islamic State group.

"The security of the alliance is indivisible," ambassadors from all 28 NATO nations declared in a joint statement after the meeting.

But a NATO official said members also used the closed-door meeting to call on Turkey not to use excessive force in reaction to terror attacks, while urging it to continue peace efforts with representatives of the Kurdish minority. The official was not authorized to speak on the record and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The special session of the alliance's main political decision-making body, the North Atlantic Council, was held at Turkey's request under a clause of NATO's founding treaty that empowers member countries to seek consultations if they believe their security, territorial integrity or political independence is at risk.

It was called after Turkish warplanes last week started striking militant targets in Syria in response to an Islamic State group suicide bombing in southern Turkey that left 32 people dead, and another IS attack on Turkish forces, which killed a soldier.

But in a series of cross-border strikes, Turkey has also

targeted Kurdish fighters affiliated with forces battling IS in Syria and Iraq. The Syrian Kurds have been among the most effective ground forces in the fight against IS and have been backed by U.S.-led airstrikes, but Turkey fears a revival of the Kurdish insurgency in pursuit of an independent state.

The spike in violence in recent days has prompted concerns that a promising peace process between Turkey and Kurdish rebels is falling beyond repair. German diplomats said Tuesday it would be a mistake for Turkey to break off the peace process with the PKK now.

"We believe that it's right to continue the process of rapprochement and to build on the positive steps of the past years," a diplomat said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue. As the ambassadors were gathering at NATO headquarters, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told a news conference in Ankara that it was impossible to advance a peace process with the Kurds as long as attacks on Turkey continue.

The Kurds are an ethnic group with their own language living in a region spanning present-day Turkey, Iraq, Syria, Iran and Armenia. The Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, has fought Turkey for autonomy for Kurds in a conflict that has claimed tens of thousands of lives since 1984. In the past few days, the PKK has launched a number of attacks on Turkish security forces and Turkish jets have targeted both the PKK's mountainous headquarters in Iraq and Kurdish fighters in a Syrian village, a Kurdish militia and an activist group said.

On Tuesday, a Turkish soldier died after he was shot in the head by a Kurdish militant near the border with Iraq, Turkey said. In a second incident in Sirnak

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A US Air Force transport plane maneuvers on the runway at Incirlik Air Base, in the outskirts of the city of Adana, southeastern Turkey, Tuesday, July 28, 2015. After months of reluctance, Turkish warplanes started striking militant targets in Syria last week, and also allowed the U.S. to launch its own strikes from Turkey's strategically located Incirlik Air Base.

(AP Photo/Emrah Gurel)

province, suspected PKK rebels hurled a bomb at a military vehicle, wounding one soldier, the state-run

Anadolu Agency reported. The developments follow a decision last week by Turkey's leaders to allow the

U.S. to launch its own strikes against the Islamic State group from its strategically located Incirlik Air Base. □



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Pollard to be freed; US analyst spied for Israel

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Jonathan Pollard, the former U.S. Naval intelligence analyst whose conviction of spying for Israel stoked fierce international passions, has been granted parole and will be released from prison in November after nearly 30 years.

The decision to free Pollard from his life sentence, announced Tuesday by his lawyers and then confirmed by the Justice Department, caps an extraordinary espionage case after decades of legal and diplomatic wrangling. Critics have condemned the American as a traitor who betrayed his country for money and disclosed damaging secrets, while supporters have argued that he was punished excessively given that he spied for a U.S. ally.

Pollard is due to be released on Nov. 21, three decades after he was arrested while trying to gain asylum at the Israeli Embassy in Washington. Though the Jewish American community has wrestled with how much leniency he should get, Israelis have long campaigned for his freedom. The government there has recognized him as an Israeli agent and granted him citizenship.

"We are looking forward to his release," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a statement Tuesday.



In this 1998 photo, Jonathan Pollard speaks during an interview in a conference room at the Federal Correction Institution in Butner, N.C. Lawyers for the convicted spy Pollard say the U.S. has granted his parole and he will be released in November. Pollard, sentenced to life in prison, has served 30 years for spying for Israel.

(AP Photo/Karl DeBlaker)

White House and Israeli officials denied that the release was in any way tied to the nuclear deal recently reached with Iran, or that it was intended as a concession to Israel. Secretary of State John Kerry, who testified before Congress on the nuclear deal on Tuesday, told reporters Pollard's parole was "not at all" connected. And Israeli officials have said that

while they would welcome the release it would not ease their opposition to the Iran agreement.

The U.S. had previously dangled the prospect of his release, including during Israel-Palestinian talks last year, when the Obama administration considered the possibility of freeing Pollard early as part of a package of incentives to keep Israel at the negotiat-

ing table. As it turned out, the peace effort collapsed and nothing came of the proposal.

The Justice Department noted that federal sentencing rules in place at the time of Pollard's prosecution entitled him to parole after 30 years of his life sentence. Department lawyers did not contest his parole bid, which was granted following a hearing this month before the U.S. Parole Commission. Though parolees are required for five years after their release to get government permission for foreign travel, Pollard's lawyers say they intend to ask President Barack Obama to grant him clemency as well as authority to leave the United States and move to Israel immediately.

Said Netanyahu, in Israel, "Throughout his time in prison, I consistently raised the issue of his release in my meetings and conversations with the leadership of successive U.S. administrations."

"Immense joy," Israel Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked wrote on her Facebook page in Hebrew, adding that "thirty years of suffering will come to an end this

November." deal.

Pollard, 60, has faced health problems in recent years. He is being held in the federal prison in Butner, North Carolina, and his lawyers said they have secured housing and a job for him in New York once he is released. They said he was "looking forward to being reunited with his beloved wife, Esther."

The Pollard prosecution represented one of the most sensational and divisive spy cases in recent American history. His supporters maintain that he provided information critical to Israel's security interests at a time when the country was under threat from its Middle East neighbors, but prosecutors and many in the U.S. intelligence community have long maintained that his disclosure of voluminous classified documents constituted a criminal breach on par with that of America's most infamous spies. The U.S. says Pollard provided reams of sensitive and classified information to Israel, including about radar-jamming techniques and the electronic capabilities of nations hostile to Israel, including Saudi Arabia.

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FBI: IS sympathizer charged in backpack bomb plot

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AP Legal Affairs Writer

MIAMI (AP) — A man described by the FBI as an Islamic State sympathizer

in the U.S. Authorities say he came to the FBI's attention through his Facebook posts praising the Islamic State group and

mentalist entity. The FBI says he later added a request "from any brother. How to make a bomb send me a video or some-

young man but he is certainly not a terrorist."

The complaint says Suarez told an FBI informant he wanted to make a timer bomb, bury it on a Key West beach and detonate it remotely. Suarez was arrested Monday after taking possession of an inert explosive device provided by an FBI informant.

"I can go to the beach at the night time, put the thing in the sand, cover it up, so the next day I just call and the thing is gonna, is gonna make, a real hard noise from nowhere," Suarez told an FBI source in a recorded call, according to the complaint.

Suarez was being monitored for months by U.S. authorities and never made an actual explosive, and there was no indication in the FBI complaint that he had contact with any Islamic State militants overseas. Still, Miami's FBI special agent in charge, George Piro, said the alleged threats had to be taken seriously.

Among other things, the FBI says Suarez also sought to make an Islamic State recruitment video using a script he wrote himself. It eventually was made under FBI surveillance at a motel, according to the complaint. □



Federal agents and Key West Police gather in a restaurant parking lot in Key West, Fla. A man described by the FBI as an Islamic State sympathizer who hoped to mount attacks on U.S. soil was charged Tuesday with plotting to detonate a nail-filled backpack bomb on a Florida beach. (Rob O'Neal/The Key West Citizen via AP)

er who hoped to mount attacks on U.S. soil was charged Tuesday with plotting to detonate a nail-filled backpack bomb on a Florida beach.

A criminal complaint unsealed Tuesday charges 23-year-old Harlem Suarez with attempting to use a weapon of mass destruc-

tion containing extremist rhetoric.

In April, Suarez allegedly posted, "Be a warrior, learn how to cut your enemies head and then burn down the body learn how to be the new future of the world Caliphate" — a reference the Islamic State goal of building a regional funda-

thing, what do I need to make it."

Suarez made his first court appearance Tuesday and was being held without bail with a detention hearing set for next week. His temporary attorney, Richard Della Fera, said in an email that Suarez "may be a troubled and confused

Father: Colorado theater shooter was an 'excellent kid'

SADIE GURMAN

Associated Press

CENTENNIAL, Colorado (AP)

— The father of Colorado theater shooter James Holmes took the stand Tuesday as defense lawyers try to persuade jurors to spare his life.

Robert Holmes has attended every day of his son's trial along with his wife, Arlene, but the couple has not spoken publicly since before the trial, when they begged for a plea deal to spare his life.

Holmes said he supports his son and still loves him, saying he was an "excellent kid."

"Well he's my son and we always got along very well," he said when asked to explain.

Robert Holmes said he

didn't know about mental illness in the family until after his son killed 12 people and injured 70 others in the July 2012 attack on a movie theater audience in suburban Denver.

While Holmes was found legally sane at the time of the attack, his defense is hoping at least one juror will agree that his mental illness reduces his moral culpability so much that he deserves the mercy of a life sentence instead.

Death sentences must be unanimous, and the judge has explained to jurors that their decision will be highly personal.

So the defense has a two-fold task during this phase of Holmes' sentencing: They must show the jury that Holmes was deeply men-

tally ill, even if legally sane, and they must give jurors reasons to be merciful.

On the first point, the defense brought back the same court-appointed psychiatrist who found Holmes was legally sane during the attack, this time to say that it was severe mental illness that drove Holmes to kill.

"Having psychosis doesn't take away your capacity to make choices. It may increase your capacity to make bad choices," Dr. Jeffrey Metzner testified Monday. "He acted on his delusions, and that's a reflection of the severity of his mental illness."

On the second, they introduced a series of friends and family to show that even this killer was loved once, and has people who

still care for him.

Chris Holmes, 22, became the first in her family to testify on Monday. She described a jail visit two years after the attack, saying he was no longer the loving brother who protected her as they were growing up.

"His whole demeanor seemed different," she said. "His eyes, they were almost bugging out of his head." But she still loves him, she said, and will still visit, and probably send him a birthday card each year in prison.

Holmes' lawyers say the once-promising neuroscience student should get life without parole rather than be executed for the 12 murders. He also injured 70 others at the crowded midnight movie in July 2012. □

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Republicans: No deal on Clinton testimony to Benghazi panel

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans on the House committee investigating the deadly 2012 attacks in Benghazi, Libya, said Tuesday that there is no agreement with Hillary Rodham Clinton over her possible appearance before the panel, despite the State Department's pledge to produce 5,000 new pages of documents. A spokesman for Republican Rep. Trey Gowdy said "nothing has changed" since Gowdy balked Saturday at an announcement by Clinton's presidential campaign that she would testify Oct. 22. Gowdy chairs the special committee, which is investigating the September 2012 at-

tacks that killed four Americans, including the U.S. ambassador to Libya. Clinton's campaign and House Republicans have sparred for months over her possible testimony and her refusal to turn over a private email server she used as secretary of state. House Speaker John Boehner said Tuesday that Clinton should "come clean" and turn the server over to the State Department's inspector general. Boehner also disputed Clinton's claim that she did not send or receive classified emails on her private account while serving as secretary of state from 2009 to 2013. Federal investigators said last week they have alerted the Justice Department to a potential



House Select Committee on Benghazi Chairman Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C. speaks at a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. Republicans on the House committee investigating the 2012 attacks in Benghazi, Libya, say there is no agreement with Hillary Rodham Clinton over her possible appearance before the panel, despite the State Department's pledge to produce 5,000 new pages of documents.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

compromise of classified information arising from Clinton's private email server. A memo signed by the inspector general of the intelligence community said the IG's office had identified "potentially hundreds of classified emails" among

the 30,000 that Clinton had provided to the State Department and that are now being processed for public release. None of the emails was marked as classified at the time they were sent or received, but some should have been handled as such

and sent on a secure computer network, according to a letter to congressional oversight committees from I. Charles McCullough III, the inspector general for a collection of executive branch agencies that work on intelligence. □

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Kerry implores Congress to back Iran deal

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State John Kerry warned skeptical lawmakers not to nix the contentious nuclear deal with Iran, insisting that it includes strict inspections and other safeguards to deter cheating by Tehran. Kerry spoke as the administration picked up critical support for the deal from Rep. Sander Levin, a strong supporter of Israel who referred to his Jewish background in announcing his decision. "If Congress does not support the deal, we would see this deal die — with no other options," Kerry told the House For-

eign Affairs Committee on Tuesday as he testified for the second time in a week, part of the Obama administration's all-out campaign to sell the accord. "I believe the agreement offers the best option to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon," Levin said in a statement circulated by Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, who is leading the effort to round up Democratic support for the deal in the House. Congress has begun a 60-day review of the international agreement that curbs Iran's nuclear program in exchange for billions of dollars in relief from sanctions stifling its economy.

All members must weigh the deal, but it's especially a tough decision for those who have a large number of Jewish constituencies because Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has called it a "historic mistake." "Iran has cheated on every agreement they've signed," said Rep. Ed Royce, the panel's chairman. With Kerry, Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz and Treasury Secretary Jack Lew waiting to testify, he asked if Tehran "has earned the right to be trusted" given its history. Few, if any, new details emerged from the more than three-hour hearing. □

New York prison worker pleads guilty in escape of 2 killers

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Associated Press

PLATTSBURGH, New York (AP) — A prison worker who was “in over her head” with two inmates convicted of murder tearfully pleaded guilty Tuesday to charges of aiding them by smuggling hacksaw blades and other tools to the pair, who later broke out in a brazen, elaborate escape that captured the world’s attention for three weeks.

Joyce Mitchell, an instructor in the tailor shop at the Clinton Correctional Facility in upstate New York, wore shackles and prison stripes as she entered the pleas in a barely audible voice.

Afterward, her lawyer, Stephen Johnston, said she realizes she made a “horrible mistake” by getting involved with Richard Matt and David Sweat, who escaped from the maximum-security prison on June 6. “She got in over her head into something that she never should have started. But she did, and she’s pay-

ing the price now,” Johnston told reporters outside court. “I think that to a certain extent, Matt got her to feeling good about herself, better than she had for a period of time, and she was swept off her feet a bit. ... And then when she realized who she was dealing with, everything changed.” Matt was shot and killed by searchers June 26, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) west of the prison.

Sweat was captured near the Canadian border two days later and sent to another prison.

Mitchell, 51, faces a sentence of 2 1/3 to 7 years in prison under terms of a plea deal with prosecutors. Sentencing is set for Sept. 28. Johnston said his client will not be able to post the bail of \$100,000 cash or \$200,000 bond.

District Attorney Andrew Wylie said separate cases against Sweat and a Gene Palmer, a guard who investigators accuse of unwittingly helping the two inmates, are expected to



Joyce Mitchell cries as she sits with her attorney Stephen Johnston in court on Tuesday July 28, 2015 in Plattsburgh, N.Y. Mitchell, an instructor in the tailor shop at the Clinton Correctional Facility, pleaded guilty to charges of aiding two inmates convicted of murder by smuggling hacksaw blades and other tools to the pair, who broke out and spent three weeks on the run in June. She faces a sentence of 2 1/3 to 7 years in prison under terms of a plea deal with prosecutors.

(Rob Fountain/AP, Pool)

go before a grand jury next month.

“At this time, there are no

other individuals who have been identified through the

investigation as being in-

involved directly or indirectly” with the escape, Wylie said. □

Texas releases more footage of woman found dead in jail

HEMPSTEAD, Texas (AP) —

Texas authorities on Tuesday released several hours of video footage of Sandra Bland during her three days in jail to address rumors that she was dead before arriving there. The death has garnered national attention amid increased scrutiny of police treatment of blacks in the wake of several high-profile police-involved deaths. Judge Trey Duhon said conspiracy theories — including one that Bland’s mugshot was taken after her death — have prompted death threats against county officials.

“Because of some of the things that’s gone out on social media, this county has been literally attacked,” he said at a news conference, adding that the FBI is investigating the most serious threats.

“Sandra Bland was alive and well” until she was found hanging on July 13 in her jail cell, Duhon said.

Authorities have ruled that Bland’s death, three days after her arrest during a confrontational traffic stop, was a suicide.

The first portions of footage show Bland being taken out of a patrol car at the jail and questioned by a jailer. She’s then briefly placed in a holding cell before her mugshot is taken and she makes a phone call.

Bland, a black 28-year-old from suburban Chicago, was found dead in jail on July 13. Authorities have said Bland hanged herself with a garbage bag, a finding that her family disputes. She was in custody after a traffic stop for failing to use a turn signal escalated into a physical confrontation with a white state trooper. On Monday, an initial toxicology report was released for Bland that two experts said raised the possibility that she may have used marijuana while in custody. □

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Libya court sentences Gadhafi son to death for 2011 killings

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Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) —

Moammar Gadhafi's son and onetime heir apparent was convicted and sentenced to death on Tuesday by a court in the Libyan capital, Tripoli, on charges of murder and inciting genocide during the country's 2011 uprising.

But Seif al-Islam Gadhafi is unlikely to face the firing squad anytime soon. The sentence was handed down in absentia because he remains in the hands of a militia in western Libya that has refused to hand him over for the past four years — yet another sign of the country's bitter fragmentation since his father's fall from power.

The uncertainty surrounding Seif al-Islam's fate underlines both the weakness of the courts and the general chaos this North African nation has descended into, split between rival

militias and governments while being threatened by an affiliate of the extremist Islamic State group, which has benefited from the turmoil and captured some areas in Libya.

The same Tripoli court on Tuesday also sentenced to death eight other former regime officials, including former Libyan spy chief, Abdullah al-Senoussi, who is in custody in the Libyan capital, as well as foreign intelligence chief Abuzed Omar-Dorda and Gadhafi's former prime minister, Baghdadi al-Mahmoudi.

The rulings can be appealed, and a defense lawyer in the case, Ali Al-daa, said he would challenge it before the Libyan Supreme Court. Another lawyer, Hussien Al-Sherif, described the verdicts as "very harsh."

"We did not expect the sentences to be like this for the defendants, and there will be an appeal to the Supreme Court," he said.



In this 2011 photo, Seif al-Islam is seen after his capture in the custody of revolutionary fighters in Zintan. A court in the Libyan capital has sentenced Seif al-Islam to death over killings during the country's 2011 uprising. (AP Photo/Ammar El-Darwish)

In London, al-Senoussi's wife, Fatma Farkash, asserted that the Tripoli court didn't have the authority to hand down the death sentence.

"It was a big shock for

me and my children. We were not expecting this. It was an ugly verdict," she said. "Libya doesn't have a functioning state, and it was a closed hearing."

U.S.-based Human Rights

Watch said the trial was "undermined by serious due process violations," and called on the Libyan Supreme Court to independently review the verdict. □

Pro-government forces besiege rebel-held base in Yemen

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Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) —

Pro-government fighters in Yemen have besieged a military base held by Shiite Houthi rebels for 40 hours after cutting off major supply routes to the facility, Yemeni military officials said

Tuesday.

The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak with reporters, said the fighters besieged the al-Anad base in Lahj province as part of their push north from the southern port city

of Aden, which they captured earlier this month.

In the nearby strategic town of Sabr, 20 Houthi fighters were killed in clashes, residents and security and medical officials said. The fighting in Sabr, which lies on a key supply route, has intensified as the rebels

have brought in reinforcements from Lahj. Dozens of families fled south to Aden riding on camels and in cars, witnesses and security officials said.

At least 25 pro-government fighters were killed Monday in multiple fronts in southern Yemen, said medical

and security officials.

The fighting in Yemen has raged on despite a unilateral halt late Sunday in the Saudi-led air campaign against the rebels. The officials said troops trained by the Saudi-led coalition are reinforcing pro-government fighters. □

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Greece advances in loan talks, under fire for euro exit plan



An elderly woman shops meat at Varvakios market in Athens. Greece pushed ahead with talks on a new rescue loan Tuesday, but its government came under increasing pressure over claims it had a top-secret plan to prepare for a euro exit.

NICHOLAS PAPHITIS
Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece pushed ahead with talks on a new rescue loan Tuesday, but its government came under increasing pressure over

claims it had a top-secret plan to prepare for a euro exit that involved accessing citizens' personal tax data. Emissaries from Greece's international creditors held a second day of prepara-

(AP Photo/Giannis Papanikos)

tory talks with Greek officials, ahead of higher-level negotiations later this week on the country's new multi-billion euro lifeline. The talks in Athens aim to thrash out the terms of the deal — worth about 85 bil-

lion euros (\$94 billion) over three years — before Aug. 20, when Greece must make a debt payment that it cannot afford without new loans.

A European Commission spokeswoman, Mina Andreeva, said the creditors' representatives "are working hard to conclude the talks as soon as possible," and cooperation with the Greek side "works smoothly."

It will be the country's third bailout in more than five years. So far, Greece has received about 240 billion euros from the European Union and the International

Monetary Fund.

In return, it was forced to implement painful spending cuts, tax increases, and wide-ranging market reforms. The austerity deepened a sharp recession, and caused unemployment to swell to a peacetime record.

This week's talks will include an array of issues such as pensions and labor market reforms, where the government is being asked to cut early retirement, raise retirement ages, streamline the pension system and ease restrictions protecting workers from mass layoffs. □

France:

2,100 migrants try to storm Eurotunnel site

ELAINE GANLEY
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — About 2,100 migrants tried to storm the area surrounding the Eurotunnel early Tuesday before being repelled by police, an official in the northern French port of Calais said. The official, who spoke on condition she not be named because she wasn't authorized to speak publicly, said police arrested 200 of the migrants. She said it was the largest such attempt by migrants to enter the site.

Calais is a key port for sea and land crossings to Britain. In recent months, thousands of migrants from Er-

itrea, Sudan and beyond have camped out around the city, and some try to sneak across the English Channel by getting on-board trucks and freight trains. The encampments have soured relations between Britain and France, which blame each other for failing to cope with the crisis. On Tuesday, British Home Secretary Theresa May announced that her government has agreed to provide an extra 7 million pounds (\$10.8 million) to boost security at the Channel Tunnel railhead in Co-quelles.

May disclosed the extra

funding following a meeting between British and French officials.

"We've had a very constructive meeting," she said. "The French and U.K. governments are working in close collaboration and cooperation on this issue which affects us both."

Last week, the company that operates the Eurotunnel asked France and Britain to kick in 9.7 million euros (\$10.6 million) to cope with an influx of migrants in Calais. Britain has also said it's creating a "secure zone" in Calais for British-bound trucks to tackle the problem of migrants stowing away in the vehicles. □

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Venezuela's Maduro in US to seek UN help with Guyana

CLAUDIA TORRENS

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) —

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro met with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon on Tuesday to ask for support in finding a solution to a territorial dispute with neighboring Guyana.

Maduro told reporters he had discussed ways Ban might help resolve the border dispute with the much

smaller Guyana over an area where a new oil discovery has been made.

He called the meeting fruitful and said Ban was willing to send a U.N. commission to the two South American countries to mediate. Maduro also raised the possibility of him meeting with Guyana's president.

In a statement, Ban said the U.N. was ready to "discuss the way forward with both governments."



Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro speaks to reporters at United Nations headquarters, Tuesday, July 28, 2015. Maduro was visiting the United Nations to talk about the an old territorial dispute with their neighbor Guyana. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

Venezuela long has claimed most of Guyana, including an offshore area where the Exxon Mobil Corp. recently announced it made a significant oil discovery.

The Maduro administra-

tion issued a decree soon after that announcement extending Venezuela's territorial claims farther out into the Atlantic to encompass the area where the discovery was made. Guyana President David

Granger responded that his country would seek to resolve the border issue with an international judicial settlement. Both presidents have affirmed that the conflict will be settled without violence. □

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Philippines:

Communist rebels kill 3 soldiers in ambush

MANILA, Philippines (AP) —

Communist rebels killed three soldiers and wounded 13 others in an ambush in a mountainous northern Philippine province, an army commander said Tuesday.

The rebels used land mines in the attack late Monday against about 30 soldiers traveling in a convoy of three army trucks in a remote village of Kalinga province's Pinukpuk township, said Brig. Gen Paul Atal, commander of the 503rd Brigade.

He said the rebels set off the land mines to disable

the trucks and then fired on the soldiers, who fought back, wounding some of the guerrillas who withdrew in the dark.

Such hit-and-run tactics has been common in the 46-year-old insurgency, one of Asia's longest-running.

Atal called the use of land mines "a sign of cowardice."

Communist rebels last week attacked a dozen mostly rural army outposts. Gunfights that ensued killed one guerrilla, while a police officer, a government militiaman and six vil-

lagers were wounded.

After he was installed commander of the army two weeks ago, Lt. Gen. Eduardo Ano promised to cut the strength of the rebels from about 4,200 to 1,000 by next year.

That is already sharply down from a peak of 25,000 in the mid-1980s as a major split in the Communist Party of the Philippines and battle losses have reduced the number of guerrillas.

Peace negotiations brokered by Norway between the rebels and the authorities have also stalled. □



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Australian charged after police say he planned to fight IS

SYDNEY (AP) — An Australian man appeared in court Tuesday on terror charges after police say he tried to join Kurdish-aligned forces battling the Islamic State group in Iraq.

Jamie Williams, 28, was stopped by customs agents as he was boarding a flight to Qatar at Melbourne airport in December after military-style equipment and clothing were found in his luggage, the Australian Federal Police and Immigration Department said in a statement. He was charged with making preparations for incursions into a foreign country for the purpose of engaging in hostile activities.

Williams did not apply for bail in Melbourne Magistrates Court on Tuesday, and was remanded to custody until his next court appearance in October. If convicted, he faces a maximum punishment of life in prison. Outside court, his lawyer Rob Stary said Williams would apply for bail soon. He declined to comment further.

Williams' court appearance comes one day after an Australian nurse appeared in the same court on a charge of supporting a terrorist group. Adam Brookman, 39, voluntarily returned to Australia from Turkey on Friday after he says he was forced by Islamic State militants to work as a medic in Syria.

The Islamic State group has been particularly effective at recruiting followers in Australia. The London-based International Center for the Study of Radicalization and Political Violence estimates that between 100 and 250 Australians have joined Sunni militants in Iraq and Syria, a relatively high number given Australia's population of just 24 million. □

Official: North Korea not interested in Iran-style deal

BEIJING (AP) — The North Korean ambassador to China said Tuesday that his country has no interest in an Iran-style nuclear disarmament deal because North Korea is a "nuclear weapons state."

Ji Jae Ryong told reporters that the Iranian nuclear deal reached earlier this month was an achievement made through protracted efforts, but that North Korea was different to Iran because it is "a nuclear weapons state both in name and in reality."

"We are not interested at all in dialogue to discuss the issue of freezing or dismantling our nukes unilaterally first," he said at the North Korean embassy in Beijing. North Korea's nuclear program is a major regional concern. International talks over North Korea's nuclear disarmament have been stalled since early 2009.

North Korean officials called Tuesday's news conference to reiterate Pyongyang's view that the "hostile policy" by the United States toward it is the root cause of tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

The U.S. stations troops in South Korea as deterrence against potential aggression from North Korea, a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War, which ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. Elsewhere in North Korea, construction to upgrade North Korea's main

rocket launch site now appears complete amid expectations in rival South Korea that a launch could take place in October, a U.S. research institute said Tuesday. □



North Korean Ambassador to China Ji Jae Ryong speaks at a press conference held at the North Korean Embassy in Beijing Tuesday, July 28, 2015. Ji says that his country has no interest in an Iran-style nuclear disarmament deal because North Korea is a "nuclear weapons state."

(AP Photo/Andy Wong)

Pakistan to host second round of Kabul-Taliban talks

MUNIR AHMED
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan is finalizing preparations to host the second round of landmark peace talks between Afghan government officials and the Taliban later this week, two Pakistani officials said Tuesday.

The talks are meant to find a way to end the 14-year war in Afghanistan, which has been a priority for Afghan President Ashraf Ghani since he took office last year. Ghani has sought Pakistan's help in bringing the Taliban to the negotiations, since Islamabad is believed to wield influence over the group.

Islamabad hosted the first round of the official, face-to-face discussions earlier this month. The meeting was supervised by U.S. and Chinese representatives and ended with both sides agreeing to meet again.

Islamabad is now finalizing preparations for the next round on Friday, the two Pakistani officials confirmed to The Associated Press.

"Yes, the second round ... will take place in Pakistan on July 31," said one of them, a senior government official familiar with the peace process. The second, a security official, confirmed the date. Both spoke on condition of anonymity because arrangements were still being finalized.

Afghan government officials refused to provide details of the location or timing of the next round of peace talks, saying delegations have not yet been finalized.

"Nothing has yet been decided, the location could be Pakistan, or China or one of the Central Asian countries," one Afghan official said on Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media about the issue. Last week, two members of the Afghan High Peace Council, the body charged with negotiating a settlement with the Taliban

insurgents, said China was the most likely venue for the second round of talks. At the time, both also said the talks would take place on July 30.

The two officials could not be reached to reconcile the different reports.

Last week, Afghan lawmaker Shazada Shahid, a spokesman for the High Peace Council, said at least one woman will be on the government team. He said the Taliban had made several demands of their own in the talks so far, including the removal of Taliban names from U.N. and U.S. blacklists, which would enable their members to travel internationally. □



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Mexico:

Cancun struggles to clean seaweed from beaches

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Authorities on Mexico's Caribbean coast said this week they are redoubling efforts to remove tons of sargassum seaweed that has been washing ashore in recent weeks.

The state government of Quintana Roo, where the resort of Cancun is located, said there have been no reports of tourists cancelling visits because of the problem.

Gov. Roberto Borge said the seaweed removal efforts will focus on much of the coast, from Holbox in the north down past Tulum to the south.

Photos issued by the Cancun city government show piles of brown seaweed on some normally pristine white beaches. By last week, the city said it had raked or shoveled up 500 cubic meters of sargassum. Borge said the cause of the invasion is still unknown, though it could be due to high levels of nutrients in ocean water or changes in ocean temperatures, currents or wind patterns. Authorities have to be careful, because there are two groups of visitors they don't want to disturb with overly aggressive removal



Tourists walk past large quantities of seaweed piling up on the beach in the Mexican resort city of Cancun, Mexico. The seaweed invasion, which appears to have hit most of the Caribbean this year, is generally considered a nuisance and has prompted some hotel cancellations from tourists but scientists consider washed-up seaweed an important part of the coastal eco-system and plays a role in beach nourishment.

(AP Photo/ Israel Leal)

efforts: nesting sea turtles that return to the Caribbean beaches to lay their eggs, and tourists. Borge said the effort would take care not to cause erosion on the beaches, which has been a problem in Cancun in the past. The government an-

nounced the formation of a task force of naval and environmental authorities to study the problem. Authorities are also researching ways to use or dispose of the seaweed mounds. Sargassum is an algae that grows in the Sargasso Sea, a large body of warm wa-

ter in the mid-Atlantic. Officials in the Caribbean island of Barbados have also struggled with seaweed washing ashore, and large piles of sargassum washed up on the shore in Galveston, Texas, in 2014 after drifting into the Gulf of Mexico.

CARIBBEAN News Briefs

Last wild horse on Great Abaco, Bahamas dies

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — The last of the wild horses on Great Abaco island in the Bahamas has died, prompting caretakers to collect tissue for possible cloning. The director of the Wild Horses of Abaco Preservation Society said Tuesday that the tissue has been shipped to a U.S. animal cloning technology company. Director Milanne Rehor hopes this can give the group "a crack at bringing the herd back." She says 200 wild horses once grazed and trotted freely through acres of pine forest on Great Abaco. The horses were originally imported from Cuba in the late 1800s by a logging company. But they dwindled over the decades until a mare called Nunki was the last one. That roughly 20-year-old horse died in recent days.

Jamaican police hold US woman on bullet in bag

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Police in Jamaica say a U.S. tourist has been charged with illegal possession of ammunition after customs officials at an island airport allegedly found a bullet in her handbag. A Monday police statement says the American woman was about to board a flight when she was stopped by security at Sangster International Airport in the northern tourist town of Montego Bay. Police took her into custody and charged her with a breach of the island's firearms act after authorities say they found a 9-mm bullet in her bag. □

Chelsea Clinton in Haiti to visit foundation projects

EVENS SANON
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Chelsea Clinton on Tuesday encouraged women to educate themselves and learn how to be more independent during a trip to Haiti to oversee projects financed by the Clinton Foundation.

Clinton met with local entrepreneurs as she traveled to businesses in the capital of Port-au-Prince with a

group of investors and philanthropists as part of the two-day trip. She also hosted a meeting with foundation President Donna Shalala to talk about women's roles in the Haitian workforce and their access to markets.

"We need programs ... to help close the gap so that girls and young women who haven't had the chance to get educated don't live with the burden

of illiteracy their whole lives," said Clinton, who is the foundation's vice chair. The Clinton Foundation says it has helped raise more than \$30 million for Haiti since a devastating 2010 earthquake. Former U.S. President Bill Clinton founded the global charity after leaving the White House. The foundation's finances have received intense scrutiny as Hillary Rodham Clinton

seeks the White House. Chelsea Clinton's visit coincided with a peaceful march in front of the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince, more than 100 people protested the U.S. invasion and occupation of Haiti from 1915 to 1934. The period was marked in part by abuses including forced labor and racial segregation implemented by a U.S.-controlled Haitian military. □



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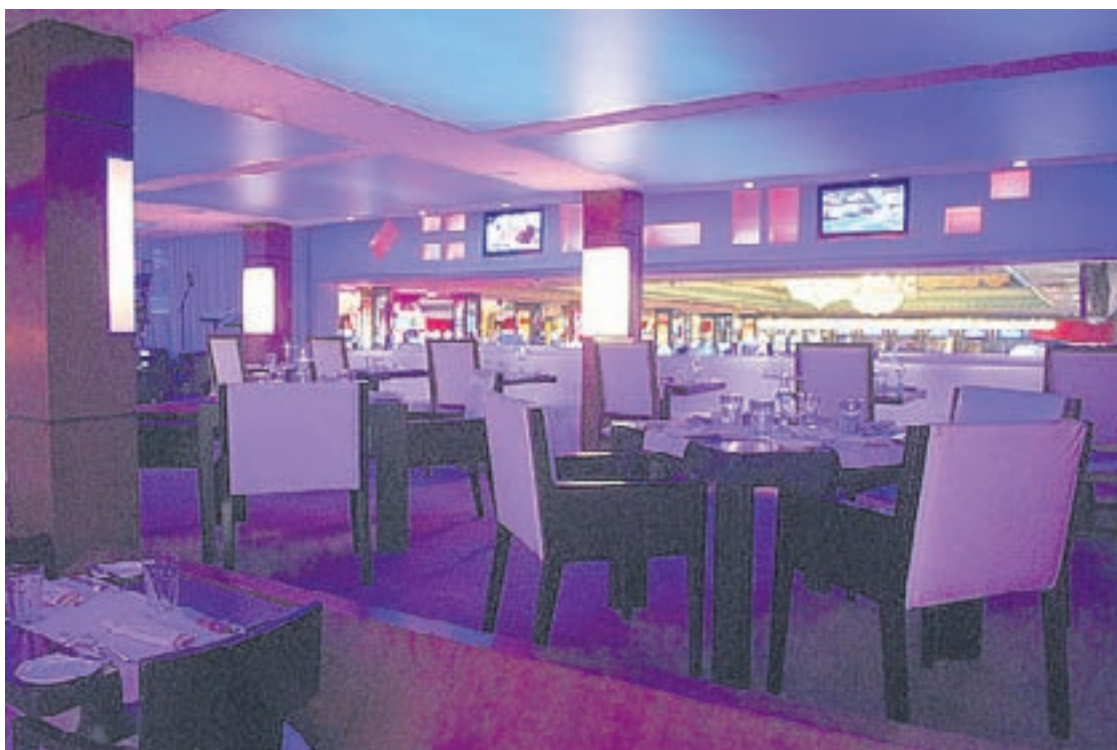
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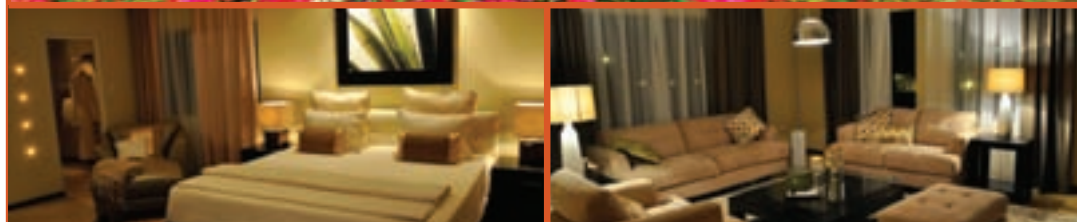
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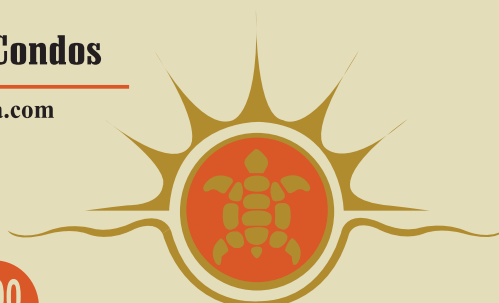


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New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez smiles at the dugout as he rounds third on his way home after hitting a solo home run off of Texas Rangers' Matt Harrison in the sixth inning of a baseball game Monday, July 27, 2015, in Arlington, Texas.

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A-Rod HRs on 40th birthday in Yanks win

The Associated Press

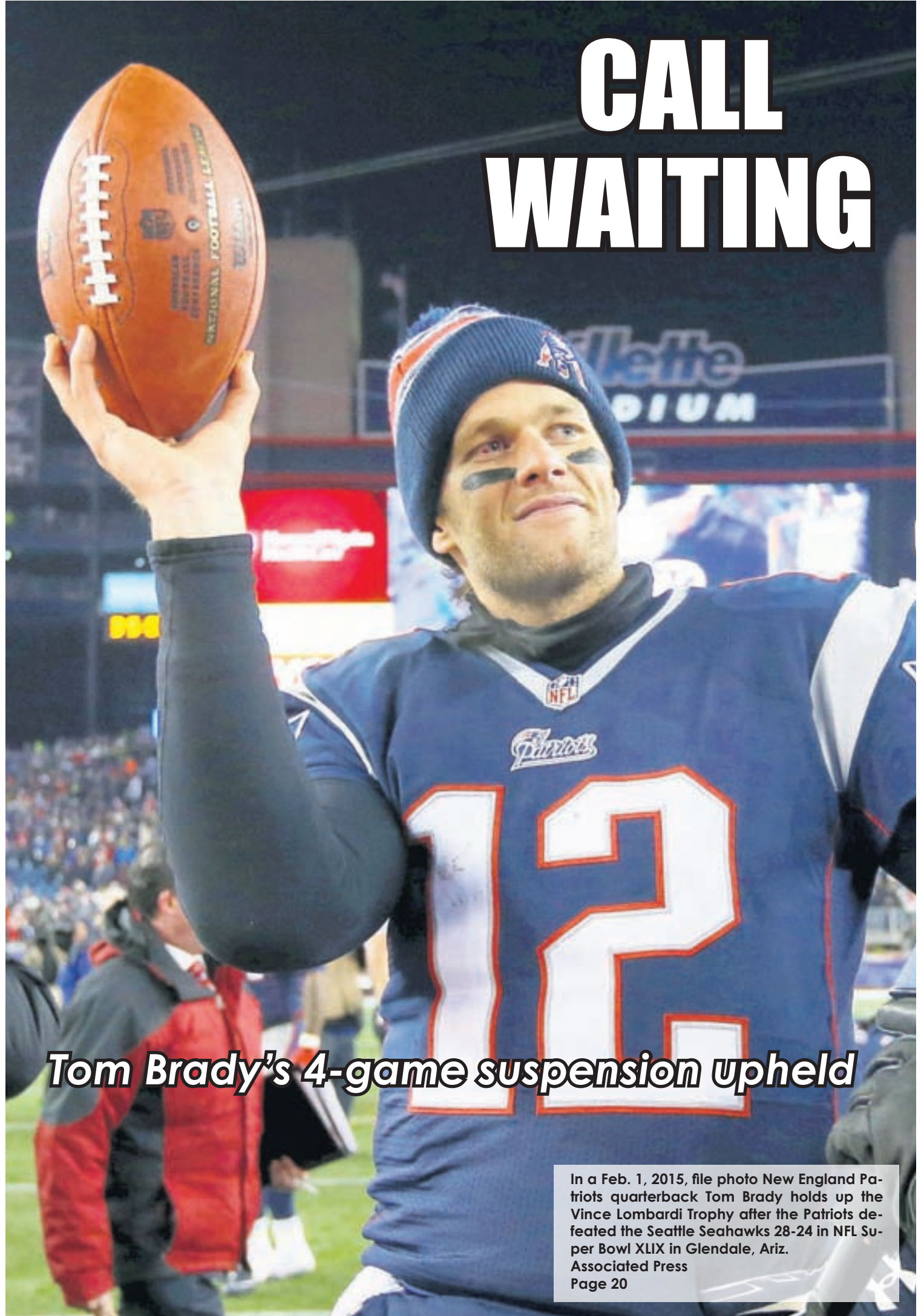
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Alex Rodriguez homered on his 40th birthday, helping the New York Yankees beat the Texas Rangers 6-2 on Monday night.

Rodriguez's solo drive in the sixth off Matt Harrison (1-2) made him only the fourth player in major league history to homer both as a teenager and in his 40s, according to STATS, joining Ty Cobb, Rusty Staub and Gary Sheffield.

It was Rodriguez's 24th homer this season and 678th of his career, and it came two days after he went deep three times against Minnesota, in his previous game.

New York right-hander Ivan Nova (3-3) allowed two runs in five innings.

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Tom Brady's 4-game suspension upheld

In a Feb. 1, 2015, file photo New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady holds up the Vince Lombardi Trophy after the Patriots defeated the Seattle Seahawks 28-24 in NFL Super Bowl XLIX in Glendale, Ariz.
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Wong grand slam leads Cardinals over Reds

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Kolten Wong hit a grand slam, powering Lance Lynn and the Cardinals to the victory.

Wong connected on a 3-2 fastball from rookie Raisel Iglesias (1-3) with two outs in the fourth, putting St. Louis ahead 4-1. Wong's second career grand slam easily cleared the right-field wall, landing in the home bullpen.

The Cardinals have won six of seven and lead the NL Central by 6 1/2 games.

Lynn (8-5) allowed five hits in seven innings, improving to 7-3 against the Reds.

Trevor Rosenthal earned his 31st save in 33 chances after getting two days off.

Jay Bruce hit a sacrifice fly for the Reds, who have lost seven of 10.

CUBS 9, ROCKIES 8

CHICAGO (AP) — Kris Bryant's two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning lifted the Cubs to the win.

Colorado had taken an 8-7 lead in the top of the ninth on a two-run drive by Carlos Gonzalez for his second homer of the game. But Bryant drove the second pitch he saw from John Axford (3-4) over the wall in left-center to snap a three-game skid for Chicago.



St. Louis Cardinals' Kolten Wong hits a grand slam in the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds Monday, July 27, 2015, in St. Louis.
Associated Press

Cardinals name woman to training camp coach position

TEMPE, Arizona (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals have hired Jen Welter to coach inside linebackers through their upcoming training camp and preseason.

The Cardinals say Welter is believed to be the first woman to hold a coaching position of any kind in the NFL. Welter played running back and special teams in 2014 for the Texas Revolution of the Indoor Football League, becoming the first woman to hold a non-kicking position for a men's professional sports league. She coached linebackers and special teams for the Revolution last season, becoming the first woman to coach in a men's pro foot-



In this Feb. 12, 2014, photo, Jen Welter puts her helmet on before the start of the Texas Revolution practice at Bradford Crossing Park in Allen, Texas.
Associated Press

ball league.

Welter played linebacker for more than 14 seasons with the Dallas Dia-

monds of the Women's Football Alliance and holds a master's degree in sports psychology. □

Rafael Soriano (1-0) got the win. Gonzalez had four hits and four RBIs for the Rockies. The slugger is batting .459 with 10 homers and 23 RBIs in his last 15 games.

GIANTS 4, BREWERS 2

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Brandon Crawford hit a two-run homer to help rookie Chris Heston win his fifth consecutive decision, and San Francisco beat Milwaukee for its sixth straight victory.

Heston (11-5) allowed two runs and five hits over seven innings as the defending World Series champions moved a season-high 11 games over .500 with their seventh home victory in a row and 12th in 13 overall. Milwaukee outfielder Carlos Gomez was ejected in the ninth after tossing his

helmet following a replay reversal of what had been a stolen base. He later threw a batting glove.

Brewers manager Craig Counsell came out to argue and also got tossed, his first career ejection as a player or manager.

DIAMONDBACKS 4, MARINERS 3, 10 INNINGS

SEATTLE (AP) — Paul Goldschmidt hit his 22nd homer of the season in the first inning and scored the go-ahead run in the 10th on Jake Lamb's sacrifice fly as Arizona beat Seattle.

The Diamondbacks won their third straight despite blowing a 3-2 lead in the ninth inning. They took advantage of control issues by Seattle closer Carson Smith (1-4) in the 10th to regain the lead. □

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Nadal makes winning start at Hamburg Open, beats Verdasco

HAMBURG, Germany (AP)

— Top-seeded Rafael Nadal overcame a sluggish start to beat Fernando Verdasco 3-6, 6-1, 6-1 in the first round of the Hamburg Open on Tuesday.

Nadal was playing his first match since losing to Dustin Brown in the second round of Wimbledon. The former No. 1 in the world has fallen to No. 10.

In the all-Spanish match, Nadal appeared to have trouble adjusting to clay and finding his timing. But his game picked up noticeably in the last two sets. Verdasco saved one match point but then hit the net with a backhand to hand Nadal the win. Nadal's last match on clay was the quarterfinal loss to Novak Djokovic at the French Open.

"For my mentality, it is important to finish the match

better than how I started. To be able to make that change during the match was a very positive thing to me," Nadal said.

The match was played under the court's canvas cover because of rain.

Second-seeded Tommy Robredo also needed three sets to advance, rallying for a 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-2 win over wild card entry Alexander Zverev.

Third-seeded Roberto Bautista Agut, fourth-seeded Andreas Seppi and sixth-seeded Juan Monaco all advanced into the second round.

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There were straight-sets wins for Stephane Robert of France against Brazilian Joao Souza, and Turkey's Marsel Ilhan against Russian Andrey Kuznetsov.

Julian Reister, a German qualifier, advanced after losing the first set when Ser-



Spain's Rafael Nadal returns a shot during a training session at the ATP tennis tournament in Hamburg, Germany, Monday July 27, 2015.

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bian opponent Blaz Kavcic retired injury.

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Roger Goodell upholds Tom Brady's 4-game suspension

BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Brady's four-game suspension for his role in using underinflated footballs during the AFC championship game has been upheld by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

The league announced the decision Tuesday, with Goodell saying that the New England quarterback told an assistant to destroy Brady's cellphone on or just before March 6. Brady met with independent investigator Ted Wells on that day.

"He did so even though he was aware that the investigators had requested access to text messages and other electronic information that had been stored on that phone," Goodell said in his decision.

"During the four months that the cellphone was in use, Brady had exchanged nearly 10,000 text messages, none of which can now be retrieved from that device."

Calling the appeal process "a sham," Tom Brady's agent, Don Yee, said Goodell "failed to ensure a fair process" in upholding the quarterback's four-game suspension.



In this Feb. 1, 2015, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) warms up before the NFL Super Bowl XLIX football game against the Seattle Seahawks in Glendale, Ariz.

Associated Press

Brady acknowledged in his testimony he was aware of investigators' request for information from the cellphone before he had it destroyed, the appeal decision said.

After releasing the report in May, Wells said he had told Brady and Yee he did not need to see his phone and would have accepted a list

of communications. Wells' investigation had no subpoena power and Brady was under no legal obligation to cooperate. The NFL had some messages from Brady sent to an equipment manager's phone, but investigators wanted to see if Brady's cellphone had other messages related to footballs.

The four-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback was suspended by NFL executive Troy Vincent in May following the Wells report. The Patriots were fined \$1 million and docked a pair of draft picks. The team didn't appeal its penalty, but Brady appealed.

The NFL Players Association had said previously it would challenge the decision in court if Brady's suspension wasn't erased. The union said in a statement on Tuesday that it would appeal, but it wasn't immediately clear in what venue.

Moments after announcing Goodell's decision, the league filed action in U.S. District Court in New York against the union, saying

the NFL commissioner has the right under the labor agreement to hand out such discipline "for conduct that he determines is detrimental to the integrity of, or public confidence in, the game of professional football." Goodell mentioned exactly that in the conclusion of his appeal decision. "Especially in light of the new evidence introduced at the hearing — evidence demonstrating that he arranged for the destruction of potentially relevant evidence that had been specifically requested by the investigators — my findings and conclusions have not changed in a manner that would benefit Mr. Brady," Goodell said.

But Yee argued that Brady's side was given only four hours to present a defense, and when he asked for documents from Wells, that request was rejected on the basis of privilege.

"We therefore had no idea as to what Wells found from other witnesses, nor did we know what those other witnesses said," Yee said.

Yee adds the electronic data presented in Brady's defense was ignored during the appeal hearing.

Brady and the Patriots have denied knowingly using deflated footballs in the AFC title game win over Indianapolis. The Patriots went on to beat Seattle in the Super Bowl and Brady was the MVP.

The NFL announced in late January that Wells would head an investigation into New England's use of underinflated balls against the Colts. □



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WHITE SOX 10, RED SOX 8

BOSTON (AP) — Adam Eaton had three hits and two RBIs, and the White Sox earned their fifth consecutive win.

Eaton had a triple, double and single to key Chicago's

hits and two RBIs for the Red Sox, who have dropped 10 of 12. Robbie Ross Jr. (0-1) got the loss.

ROYALS 9, INDIANS 4

CLEVELAND (AP) — Eric Hosmer drove in four runs, Kendrys Morales added three RBIs and the Royals opened a 10-game road trip with a victory over the

on Tuesday.

Rookie Francisco Lindor hit a three-run homer and Carlos Santana had a solo shot for the Indians, who have dropped five straight.

ORIOLES 2, BRAVES 1, 11 INNINGS

BALTIMORE (AP) — Matt Wieters homered leading off the 11th inning, sending

row since late June. Rookie Adonis Garcia homered for the Braves, who have dropped 11 of 15.

RAYS 5, TIGERS 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Curt Casali homered twice for Tampa Bay, and Nathan Karns took a one-hit shutout into the seventh inning.

Casali's first homer came on the first pitch of the third inning by Anibal Sanchez, who lost for the first time in nine starts since June 3. Casali added a towering two-run homer, his fifth of

the season, off Bruce Rondon in the eighth.

Detroit lost for the seventh time in 10 games.

Consecutive doubles by Steven Souza Jr. and Kevin Kiermaier made it 2-0 in the fourth, and Logan Forsythe had a two-out RBI single off Sanchez (10-8) in the fifth. Karns (6-5) gave up one run and three hits in six-plus innings, winning six days after a 1-0 victory at Philadelphia in which he hit a home run. Brad Boxberger pitched the ninth for his 25th save. □



New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez follows through on a solo home run swing off a pitch from Texas Rangers' Matt Harrison as Rangers catcher Robinson Chirinos watches in the sixth inning of a baseball game Monday, July 27, 2015, in Arlington, Texas.

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go's 15-hit night. Matt Albers (1-0) got five outs for the win, and David Robertson pitched the ninth for his 22nd save.

Boston's David Ortiz homered for the third time in two games, hitting a two-run shot after a career-best, seven-RBI night that included two three-run homers in a win Sunday.

Mookie Betts added three

spiraling Indians.

Hosmer connected for a three-run homer in the first inning off rookie Cody Anderson (2-2) as the Royals rolled to their AL-leading 60th win and improved to 15-5 in their last 20 games. Edinson Volquez (10-5) worked into the seventh inning for Kansas City, which will welcome newly acquired ace Johnny Cueto

Baltimore to its third straight victory.

Wieters hit a 1-0 pitch from Luis Avilan (2-4) over the wall in center. It was Wieters' fourth home run, and his teammates celebrated by dousing him with a bucket of water at the plate.

Brad Brach (4-2) worked the 11th for the Orioles, who hadn't won three in a

Red Sox retire Pedro Martinez's No. 45

JIMMY GOLEN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox are honoring Pedro Martinez.

In a pregame ceremony to retire his uniform No. 45, the Red Sox have brought back some old teammates. They also have the 2004 World Series trophy Martinez helped the team win, ending an 86-year title drought. The on-field ceremony included the Hall of Fame plaque on loan from Cooperstown. Martinez was inducted on Sunday.

The team showed a video of Martinez's highlights with the Dodgers, Expos and Red Sox. Then they started bringing out ex-teammates, including former Montreal manager Felipe Alou and Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling. Some Boston Hall of Famers were there, too, including Carlton Fisk and Carl Yastrzemski.

The ceremony was before Boston's game against the Chicago White Sox. □



Baseball Hall of Fame member and former Boston Red Sox player Pedro Martinez, left, is embraced by teammate Jason Varitek after his jersey was retired prior to a baseball game against the Chicago White Sox at Fenway Park in Boston, Tuesday, July 28, 2015.

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Health and Beauty Sleep

By: Dr. Carlos Viana

After greeting our patient, the first question I ask is: "How did you sleep last night"? Sleep is a basic human need, as important for good health as diet and exercise. Only when we are sound asleep do our bodies repair. When we sleep, our bodies rest but our brains are active, laying the groundwork for healing and productivity. Most people need eight hours of sleep nightly. Unfortunately, for 10% to 25% of us, not being able to get to sleep or insomnia can be a chronic condition. Approximately 98 million dollars a year is spent in the United States alone on over-the-counter sleep aids. Not getting enough restful sleep results in daytime sleepiness, increased accidents, problems concentrating and poor performance on the job and in school, and increased sickness and weight gain.

Lack of sleep seems to be a major stress factor. Regularly catching only a few hours of sleep can hinder metabolism and hormone production in a way that is similar to the effects of aging and the early stages of diabetes. Chronic sleep loss may speed the onset or increase the severity of conditions such as type II diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, and memory loss. Medical researchers have shown that just one week of sleep deprivation altered subject's hormone levels and their capacity to metabolize carbohydrates.

Research has shown that in developed countries, the average night's sleep has grown shorter since the beginning of the century, from 9 hours to 7.5 hours. People who give up sleep to make more time for work and leisure are aging much faster than they should be.

During sleep-deprivation, researchers found, men's blood sugar levels took 40% longer to drop, compared with the natural sleep-recovery period; and their ability to secrete and respond to the hormone insulin, which helps regulate blood sugar, dropped by 30%. These changes reflect the effects of insulin resistance. In addition, the sleep-deprived men had higher nighttime concentrations of the hormone cortisol, which also helps regulate blood sugar, and lower levels of thyroid-stimulating hormone. These raised cortisol levels are often seen in older people, and may be involved in age-related insulin resistance and memory loss.

Many childhood sleep problems are related to irregular sleep habits or to anxiety. Persistent sleep problems may also be symptoms of emotional difficulties. "Separation anxiety" is a developmental landmark for young children. Bedtime is a time of separation. Some children will do all they can to prevent separation at bedtime.

The average woman aged 30-60 sleeps only

six hours and forty-one minutes during the workweek. Conditions unique to women, like the menstrual cycle, pregnancy and menopause, can affect how well a woman sleeps. This is because the changing levels of hormones that a woman experiences throughout the month, like estrogen and progesterone, have an impact on sleep. Understanding the effects of these hormones, environmental factors and lifestyle habits can help women enjoy a good night's sleep.

Having trouble getting to sleep? The following ten suggestions might help. 1) Maintain a regular bed and wake time schedule including weekends. 2) Establish a regular, relaxing bedtime routine such as soaking in a hot bath and then reading a book or listening to soothing music. 3) Create a sleep-conducive environment that is dark, quiet, comfortable and cool. 4) Sleep on a comfortable mattress and pillows. 5) Use your bedroom only for sleep and sex. It is best to take work materials, computers and televisions out of the sleeping environment. 6) Eat a healthy diet and finish eating at least 2-3 hours before your regular bedtime. 7) Exercise regularly. It is best to complete your workout at least a few hours before bedtime. 8) Avoid caffeine (e.g. coffee, tea, and soft drinks, or chocolate) close to bedtime. It can keep you awake. 9) Avoid nico-



tine (e.g. cigarettes, tobacco products) Used close to bedtime, it can lead to poor sleep. 10) Avoid alcohol close to bedtime. It can lead to disrupted sleep later in the night. 11) Do not run electrical wires under or over your bed.

Pharmaceutical drugs to get to sleep are not a healthy solution. These drugs do not produce the deep curative sleep needed to regain our health and are habit-forming. There are natural food supplements like 5-HTP and SAME that can help considerably if taken with a little natural fruit juice thirty minutes or more before you eat. If your sleep cycle has changed because of travel or work shift change the natural supplement melatonin will help reset your sleep cycle. Acupuncture helps balance your body and encourages restful sleep. A visit to a natural physician could help you determine the cause of your sleep problem and how to best help it. Remember, you cannot restore your health without sound sleep.

Get the Point! Getting the right amount of sleep is vital, but just as important is the quality of your sleep. An adequate

amount of sleep is as important as an adequate amount of exercise. Most of us do not fully appreciate the value of a full night's sleep. I believe that seven hours is an absolute minimum for most all of us, and most of us would benefit from closer to 9 hours. Ask any woman how much better she feels and looks when getting her full allotment of beauty sleep.

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Scientists worry about arms race in artificial intelligence

DANICA KIRKA

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Scientists and tech experts — including professor Stephen Hawking and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak — warned Tuesday of a global arms race with weapons using artificial intelligence. In an open letter with hundreds of signatories, the experts argued that if any major military power pushes ahead with development of autonomous weapons, “a global arms race is virtually inevitable, and the endpoint of this technological trajectory is obvious: autonomous weapons will become the Kalashnikovs of tomorrow.” Some people have argued in favor of robots on the battlefield, saying their use could save lives. Such weapons are still years away.

But the scientists warned that, unlike nuclear weapons, once they are developed they will require no costly or hard-to-obtain raw materials — making it possible to mass-produce them.

“It will only be a matter of time until they appear on the black market and in the hands of terrorists, dictators wishing to better control

their populace, warlords wishing to perpetrate ethnic cleansing, etc.,” the letter said.

The signatories included leading figures globally in academia and business studying artificial intelligence — the idea that computer systems could replicate tasks normally requiring human intelligence, such as language translation or visual perception. They were joined by philosophers, historians, sociologists and geneticists. Those signing letter included Elon Musk, Tesla Motors CEO; Demis Hassabis, who founded Google DeepMind; and Noam Chomsky, an emeritus professor at MIT.

Sean O hEigeartaigh, the executive director of Cambridge University’s Center for the Study of Existential Risk, said that he is hoping for a discussion on whether autonomous weapons should fall into the same category as chemical weapons and blinding lasers — namely that they be shunned.

“It’s imperative to hear the voices of the scientists,” he said of the many who have devoted their lives to having such systems benefit humanity. □

Motorola refreshes Android phones, offers better cameras

ANICK JESDANUN, AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Motorola is refreshing its Android smartphones with better cameras and other improvements as it seeks to lure customers who want lower-cost alternatives to leading smartphones from Apple and Samsung.

These new models — the Moto G, Moto X Play and Moto X Style — will appeal largely to people who have to pay full prices for phones, rather than discounted prices that come with two-year service contracts.

“We’re about delivering great mobile user experiences at a price that doesn’t break the bank,” Motorola President Rick Os-

terloh said in an interview. Motorola, which Lenovo bought from Google last year, said the new Moto G will retail in the U.S. for about \$180 without a contract. Motorola hasn’t announced prices for the Moto X models, but they are expected to be a few hundred dollars cheaper than high-end phones, which cost \$600 or more without a contract.

In touting improved cameras, Osterloh was careful to say that they will deliver some of the best pictures “at this price point.” Apple and Samsung, in particular, have been advancing phone-camera technology with better auto-focus and low-light performance. □



This is a Thursday, July 4, 2013 file photo of Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak as he speaks during the digital festival TagDF in Mexico City.

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AirAsia X aims to be profitable by end of year

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Long-haul budget carrier AirAsia X said Tuesday it expects to return to operational profit by the end of the year and is open to foreign investment.

AirAsia X has suffered losses in the past two years and its share price has plunged to near record lows at around 0.20 ringgit (5 cents), far below its IPO price of 1.25 ringgit (33 cents).

Acting Chief Executive Benjamin Ismail blamed losses on "irrational competition" by national carrier Malaysia Airlines, which had previously offered cheap fares to fill up seats. But the flag carrier has now cut capacity as part of an overhaul, which will benefit AirAsia X, he said.

Malaysia-based AirAsia X has cut loss-making routes to Adelaide, Australia and Nagoya and Narita in Japan and plans new destinations such as Sapporo in October and Honolulu in November, he said.

"The only reason we are suffering in the last 1.5 to 2 years is because of irrational competition. We cannot compare with airlines that offer fares below cost," Benjamin said. "In the second half, the numbers will be better. We are on track on our revamped business plan."

He said it was important for the carrier to conserve cash and focus on routes that could make money. Asked about reports that two foreign airlines were keen to take a stake in the company, he said AirAsia X is "open to investment."

"If the price is right, we will look at it. We have not found any new partner to team up with but we are not ruling it out," he said.

AirAsia X, launched in late 2007, flies to 14 countries in Asia, Australia and the Middle East.

Some analysts are pessimistic about the airline's prospects. CIMB Research recently predicted losses for AirAsia X this year and next, citing a more challenging outlook and continuing drain on its cash. □

Wall Street advances on earnings; China stabilizes

KEN SWEET
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Global stocks steadied and U.S. markets advanced Tuesday, as investors were encouraged by strong results from UPS, Ford and other big companies.

The recovery comes after five straight days of losses

day. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 25.61 points, or 1.2 percent, to 2,093.25 and the Nasdaq composite rose 49.43 points, or 1 percent, to 5,089.21.

A dose of corporate earnings gains helped drive the advance Tuesday.

UPS rose \$4.82, or 5.1 percent, to \$99.94. The com-

global sales and higher prices for premium trucks and SUVs. The profit of 47 cents a share easily beat Wall Street's expectations of 37 cents a share.

Ford and UPS are just a few of the more than 170 companies in the S&P 500 that report their results this week. Global markets were a little

started a two-day meeting on Tuesday, but few central bank watchers expect a rate hike. Many expect the Fed to begin its next cycle of rate increases in September or December. Ultra-low interest rates have been a boon for stock and bond markets, and many questions remain about how markets will react to the first increase since the 2008 financial crisis.

In other markets, the price of U.S. crude rose for the first time in five days on expectations that supply reports this week could show a decline. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, continued to fall, however. Benchmark U.S. crude rose 59 cents to close at \$47.98 a barrel in New York. Brent fell 17 to close at \$53.30 a barrel in London.

In other futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange:

— Wholesale gasoline fell 1.7 cents to close at \$1.803 a gallon.

— Heating oil rose 0.8 cents to close at \$1.604 a gallon.

— Natural gas rose 3.2 cents to close at \$2.821 per 1,000 cubic feet.

U.S. government bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.25 percent from 2.22 percent. The dollar rose to 123.58 Japanese yen from 123.27 yen on Monday. The euro fell to \$1.1056 from \$1.1087.

Precious and industrial metals futures ended mixed. Gold slipped 20 cents to \$1,096.20 an ounce, silver rose four cents to \$14.63 an ounce and copper gained five cents to \$2.40 a pound. □



O'Shares Chairman Kevin O'Leary, center, celebrates as he rings the New York Stock Exchange opening bell, Tuesday, July 28, 2015. The cast member of television's "Shark Tank" program was marking the recent launch of the O'Shares FTSE US Quality Dividend ETF.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

for U.S. indexes. It's not uncommon for stocks to reverse course after several days in one direction, and investors say the market is still lacking the foundation for an extended rally.

"We just don't see any significant catalyst that will move this market higher, even after last week's declines," said Kristina Hooper, global market strategist with Allianz Global Investors.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 189.68 points, or 1.1 percent, to 17,630.27, ending near its high for the

pany saw profits jump from a year ago, helped by stronger business overseas. UPS earned \$1.23 billion, or \$1.35 per share, for the three months ended June 30. A year earlier it earned \$454 million, or 49 cents per share. UPS is sometimes seen a proxy for the global economy because of its huge role in delivering goods all over the world on a daily basis.

Ford rose 28 cents, or 1.9 percent, to \$14.83. The carmaker said profits jumped 44 percent in the second quarter, helped by higher

less stressed Tuesday.

The Shanghai Composite Index closed down 1.7 percent, but had been trading down as much as 4 percent earlier in the day. Chinese stocks plunged 8.5 percent on Monday, the biggest drop since February 2007, despite concerted efforts by the Chinese government to stem the market's slide. European stocks rose roughly 1 percent.

Traders were turning their attention to the U.S. Federal Reserve as they try to assess when interest rates will rise. Fed policymakers

UPS 2Q beats Street on overseas business

ATLANTA (AP) — Overseas business helped UPS during its second quarter, as did the absence of a hefty charge recorded a year ago.

The package-delivery company earned \$1.23 billion, or \$1.35 per share, for the three months ended June 30. A year earlier it earned \$454 million, or 49

cents per share.

Last year's quarter included a \$665 million charge for the transfer of some post-retirement liabilities to defined-contribution health care plans.

The results topped Wall Street expectations. The average estimate of 12 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for

earnings of \$1.26 per share. The Atlanta company's revenue slipped \$14.1 billion from \$14.27 billion, hindered by lower fuel surcharges and foreign currency fluctuations.

Six analysts surveyed by Zacks expected higher revenue of \$14.49 billion.

Total shipments climbed 2.1 percent to 1.1 billion pack-

ages.

UPS daily export shipments rose 5.5 percent, mostly due to an 8.5 percent increase in intra-Europe shipments.

United Parcel Service Inc. maintained its full-year forecast for earnings in a range of \$5.05 to \$5.30. Analysts surveyed by FactSet expect \$5.19 per share. □

Merck tops Street 2Q forecasts despite lower sales, profit

LINDA A. JOHNSON
AP Business Writer

Merck & Co.'s second-quarter profit plunged by two-thirds, hammered by the sale of its consumer business, unfavorable currency exchange rates, lower sales of some key drugs and hefty one-time charges.

The world's fifth-biggest drugmaker by revenue beat modest Wall Street expectations and raised its full-year profit forecast by a

dime per share, but shares still fell 1.3 percent to \$56.25 in early trading.

Edward Jones analyst Ashtyn Evans termed it a "mixed quarter," with promising new drugs for hepatitis C and cancer getting accelerated regulatory reviews and cost-cutting boosting the bottom line. Those factors were offset by all the charges and the loss of consumer health revenue, which totaled \$583 million

a year ago.

Focusing on the future, Merck CEO Kenneth Frazier said Merck's portfolio of experimental drugs is improving and introductions of some new products are going well.

Those include insomnia drug Belsomra, Zerbaxa for serious and resistant bacterial infections, and Keytruda, approved in the U.S. for advanced melanoma. "We're investing resources to grow our strongest

brands and to support the most promising assets in our pipeline, while at the same time lowering our overall cost base," he told analysts during a conference call.

The Kenilworth, New Jersey-based company noted experimental hepatitis C combination pill grazoprevir/elbasvir is now being reviewed by regulators in the U.S. and European Union. Hepatitis C is one of the hottest areas in medicine, with a new genera-

tion of drugs now curing nearly all patients in just a few months — and bringing in billions of dollars a year. Merck's drug targets patients not helped much by the current drugs, those with a subtype called genotype 4 and those with chronic kidney disease. Meanwhile, Keytruda is being reviewed for treating melanoma in Europe and for treatment of advanced non-small-cell lung cancer in the U.S. □

Ford surprises in 2Q with record North American profit

DEE-ANN DURBIN
AP Auto Writer

DEARBORN, Michigan (AP)

— Ford Motor Co.'s net income jumped 44 percent to \$1.9 billion in the second quarter as global sales rose and customers paid more for new trucks and SUVs with premium features.

Ford pulled off a record quarterly profit of \$2.6 billion in North America even though dealerships weren't fully stocked with its best-selling vehicle, the F-150 pickup. The results bode well for the second half of the year, when Ford's two U.S. truck plants will be in full production and dealers will have more pickups to sell.

"We are now more confident than ever that we will deliver a breakthrough year," Ford's CEO Mark Fields said on a conference call with analysts. Fields said Ford still expects to achieve a pretax profit of \$8.5 billion to \$9.5 billion this year.

Ford's shares rose 1 percent to \$14.76 in midday trading. In North America, technology-rich versions of the Ford Explorer, Ford Edge and Lincoln MKX SUVs drew



Workers inspect new 2015 aluminum-alloy body Ford F-150 trucks at the company's Kansas City Assembly Plant in Claycomo, Mo. Ford reported quarterly financial results on Tuesday, July 28, 2015.

buyers to showrooms even as smaller, less-profitable cars like the Focus struggled.

U.S. buyers paid an average of \$37,013 for the new Edge crossover in the second quarter, or \$1,683 more per vehicle than they were paying for the outgoing model last year, according

to Kelley Blue Book. Among the Edge's pricey new features is a system that automatically parks the car in parallel or regular parking spaces.

Ford said F-150 buyers paid an average of \$3,800 more per truck in the second quarter, loading them up with features like a 360-de-

gree camera and adaptive cruise control.

Outside North America, new vehicles like the new S-Max wagon in Europe, the Ka small car in South America and the Mustang sports car in China commanded higher prices.

The results mirrored those at Ford's crosstown rival,

General Motors, which last week reported a record second-quarter profit of \$2.8 billion in North America on the strength of its SUV and truck sales.

Ford's profit of 47 cents per share compared with a profit of 40 cents per share a year ago. That beat Wall Street's expectations of a 37-cent profit for the April-June period, according to analysts polled by FactSet. Ford's global sales rose 2 percent during the quarter to nearly 1.7 million. Sales were up in North America and Europe but fell in South America, the Middle East and Asia.

Revenue fell slightly to \$37.3 billion. Chief Financial Officer Bob Shanks said revenue took a \$2 billion hit from the strong U.S. dollar, which hurt profits in Europe, South America and elsewhere. Ford's revenue beat analysts' expectations of \$35.5 billion.

North American margins, which hit 11.1 percent in the second quarter, are expected to end the year in the upper end of the 8.5 percent to 9.5 percent range, Shanks said. □

Energy company BP slides to loss in 2nd quarter

DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — BP reported a second-quarter loss Tuesday after the London-based oil company set aside another \$10.8 billion to cover the cost of the Deepwater Horizon accident. The net loss of \$5.82 billion compared with net

income of \$3.37 billion a year earlier. Underlying replacement cost profit, which strips out one-time items and changes in the value of inventories, fell 64 percent to \$1.31 billion as oil prices remained low.

The report is the first since BP announced a deal that will provide a further \$18.7

billion to five U.S. states affected by the 2010 accident that killed 11 workers and spewed millions of gallons of crude into the Gulf of Mexico. BP said the settlement would bring its full obligations \$54.6 billion.

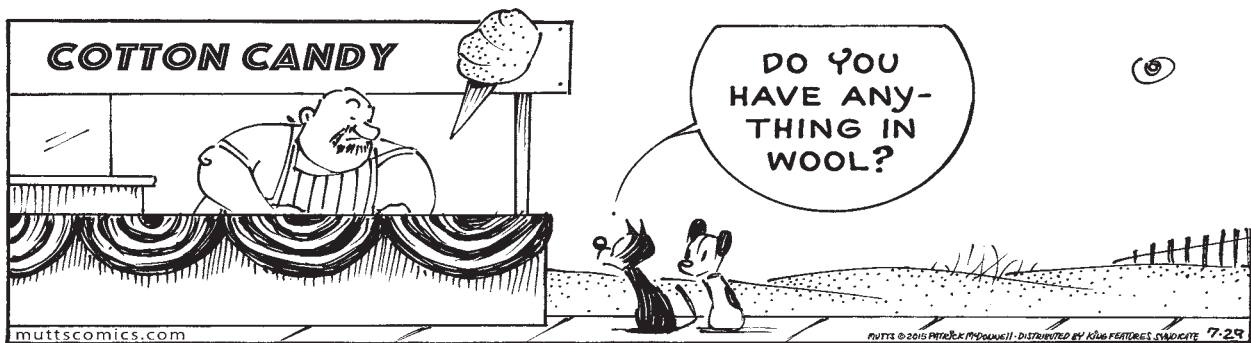
Besides dealing with the weight of the Deepwater Horizon disaster, BP is like

other oil giants struggling to deal with the plunge in oil prices. The price of Brent crude, an international variety of oil, averaged \$62 a barrel in the second quarter — compared to \$110 a barrel in the same quarter a year earlier.

"In the past few weeks oil prices have fallen back

in response to continued oversupply and market weakness and the recent agreements regarding Iran," BP CEO Bob Dudley said. "I am confident that positioning BP for a period of weaker prices is the right course to take, and will serve the company well for the future." □

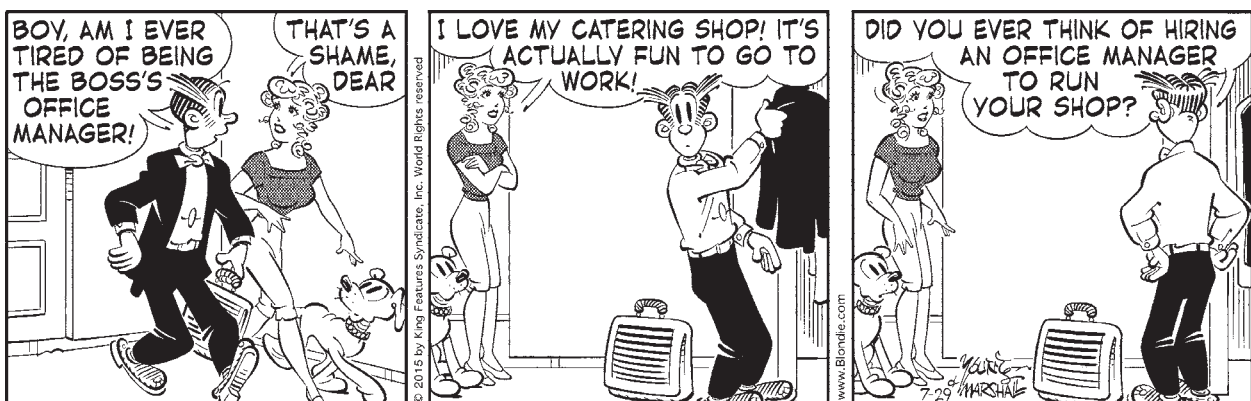
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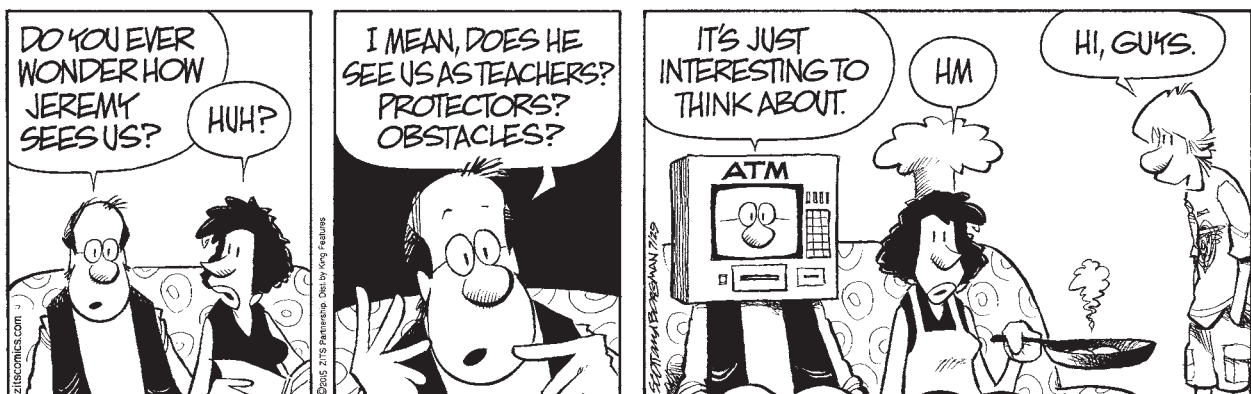
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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ACROSS

- 1 "Look before __ leap"
- 4 Disney's " __ in Toyland"
- 9 Majority
- 13 " __ bigger and better things!"
- 15 2012 election winner
- 16 Qualified
- 17 Close
- 18 Naval warrant officer, for short
- 19 Twelve months
- 20 Most tattered
- 22 Church song
- 23 Kite's feature
- 24 Anger
- 26 Natural
- 29 Child's friend
- 34 Acquire knowledge
- 35 Cheek coloring
- 36 Wally or Courtney
- 37 Riles
- 38 Boxes loaded
- 39 Go no further
- 40 " __ Maria"
- 41 Challenges
- 42 Stringed instrument
- 43 Left high & dry
- 45 Patty or William Randolph
- 46 Hanging __ thread;
- 47 "Trees" or "The Raven"
- 48 Messy person
- 51 Happening over and over
- 56 Long skirt
- 57 __ squash; winter veggie
- 58 Formal attire
- 60 Kiln
- 61 Run after
- 62 Engrave
- 63 Group of hoodlums
- 64 Carried
- 65 Heaven above

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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ROOT	WAGON	BOOR
CORE	ERODE	SCAM
SMELLED	DEATHLY	
	LOP	BERRA
GULAG	BAD	MITER
USER	AIR	SENILE
AHA	UPBRAID	BEE
RESENT	IMP	PICK
DREAD	LEI	SEATS
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SATIRIC	SITCOMS	
CLUE	CABIN	HAUL
UTES	ELITE	ETTE
MOST	RENEW	SHED

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DOWN

- 1 Hither and __
- 3 Seldom seen

- 2 Small bills
- 3 Western state
- 4 Thread holder
- 5 Bubbling away on the stove
- 6 First, second or third
- 7 Australian birds
- 8 Chile's capital
- 9 Needless violence; chaos
- 10 Follow orders
- 11 Close noisily
- 12 Diving seabird
- 14 Speakers
- 21 Horse's home
- 25 Bread variety
- 26 Epic by Homer
- 27 Boldness
- 28 Cooks a cake
- 29 __ over; read intently
- 30 Drags a heavy object
- 31 Oscar hopeful
- 32 Implements
- 33 One living abroad
- 35 Clouding of the eye lens
- 39 Slender blue-eyed cat
- 41 Parched
- 42 Swerve
- 44 Receding
- 45 Having antlers
- 47 Handbag
- 48 Air pollution
- 49 Molten rock
- 50 Plow animals
- 52 Resound
- 53 Outer garment
- 54 Word of disgust
- 55 Tiny bug
- 59 "...hallowed be __ name..."

US man accused in African lion death thought hunt was legal



This photo shows the dental offices of Walter James Palmer in Bloomington, Minn., on Tuesday, July 28, 2015. Palmer, an avid hunter, is accused of illegally killing a well-known and protected lion, named Cecil, during a big game hunt in Zimbabwe. The killing has outraged animal conservationists and others worldwide.

(AP Photo/Amy Forliti)

BRIAN BAKST
AMY FORLITI
Associated Press
BLOOMINGTON, Minnesota
(AP) — An avid American hunter accused of illegally killing a protected lion in Zimbabwe said Tuesday that he thought everything about his trip was legal and wasn't aware of the animal's status "until the end of the hunt."
Walter Palmer, who has a felony record in the U.S. related to shooting a black

bear in Wisconsin, released his statement through a public relations firm after being identified by Zimba-

bwean authorities as the American involved in the July hunt. They said he is being sought on poaching charges, but Palmer said he hasn't heard from U.S. or Zimbabwean authorities. "I had no idea that the lion I took was a known, local favorite, was collared and part of a study until the end of the hunt. I relied on the expertise of my local professional guides to ensure

a legal hunt," said Palmer, a dentist who lives in the Minneapolis suburb of Eden Prairie. According to U.S. court records, Palmer pleaded guilty in 2008 to making false statements to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service about a black bear he fatally shot in western Wisconsin. □

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Fat sense: Scientists show we have a distinct taste for fat

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Move over sweet and salty: Researchers say we have a distinct and basic taste for fat, too.

But it's nowhere near as delicious as it sounds.

They propose expanding our taste palate to include fat along with sweet, salty, bitter, sour and relative newcomer umami.

A research team at Purdue University tested look-alike mixtures with different tastes. More than half of the 28 special tasters could distinguish fatty acids from the other tastes, according to a study published in the journal *Chemical Senses*.

Past research showed fat had a distinct feel in the mouth, but scientists removed texture and smell clues and people could still tell the difference.

"The fatty acid part of taste is very unpleasant," study author Richard Mattes, a Purdue nutrition science professor, said Thursday. "I haven't met anybody who likes it alone. You usually get a gag reflex."

Stinky cheese has high levels of the fat taste and so does food that goes rancid, Mattes said. Yet we like it because it mixes well and brings out the best of other flavors, just like the bitter in coffee or chocolate, he added.

To qualify as a basic taste,



In this Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009 file photo, Bernard Roques checks a Roquefort cheese as it matures in a cellar in Roquefort, southwestern France.

Associated Press

a flavor has to have unique chemical signature, have specific receptors in our bodies for the taste, and people have to distinguish it from other tastes. Scientists had found the chemical signature and two specific receptors

for fat, but showing that people could distinguish it was the sticky point. Initially Mattes found that people couldn't quite tell fat tastes when given a broad array of flavors. But when just given yucky tastes — bitter, umami, sour — they could find the fat. The team started out with 54 people, but concentrated on the results from 28 who were better tasters in general. Mattes and colleagues

proposed calling the taste "oleogustus" (Oh-leo-GUS'-tus) after Latin for fat taste. There is no single scientific authority that names senses. Robin Dando, a Cornell University food scientist who wasn't part of the research, praised the study as "a pretty strong piece of evidence" for a basic fat taste, but didn't like the suggested name — preferring to just call it fat. □



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'Badlands' is intriguing stand-alone novel from C.J. Box

OLINE H. COGDILL
Associated Press

The new Wild West, in which a hamlet becomes a boomtown because of its oil-rich fields, makes a sturdy background for C.J. Box's intriguing new stand-alone novel.

Taking another break from his best-selling series about Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett, Box delivers an enthralling thriller in "Badlands," the story of a once-quiet area unprepared for its rapid growth.

Cassandra "Cassie" Dewell, last seen in Box's terrifying "The Highway," arrives

in this new frontier anxious to start as chief investigator for Jon Kirkbride, sheriff of Bakken County. But the progress that assures Cassie her new high-paying job comes with problems.

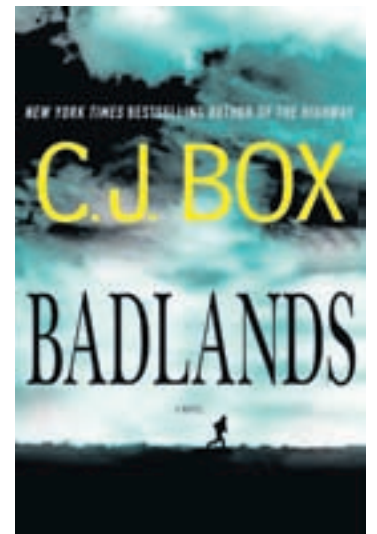
A few years ago, Grimsstad was an economically depressed North Dakota town "dying a slow death," its most notable feature the below-zero winters. But a burgeoning oil industry has brought in a few thousand workers, who have too much money and idle time on their hands. Grimsstad's unbridled population growth also means

that crime and the drug trade are out of control. The town's infrastructure from housing to restaurants to law enforcement is woefully unprepared.

As Cassie looks into murders related to rival gangs and corruption within the sheriff's department, 12-year-old Kyle Westergaard unwittingly is in the middle of the drug war when he finds a duffel bag filled with drugs and money. Kyle, a special-needs child who lives with his alcoholic mother and her low-life boyfriend, finds the bag after he witnesses a fatal car accident while

on his early morning newspaper route. The balance between Kyle's emotional story and Cassie's perceptive detective work adds heft to the novel.

Box deftly shows an area under siege by progress, where the prairie now "roared" with trains and tankers. "Millions of barrels of oil bound for every corner of the country." The author's strength in creating well-rounded characters shaped by their environs and their own moral codes again shines in "Badlands." □



This photo provided by courtesy of Minotaur Books shows the cover of the book, "Badlands," by author C.J. Box.

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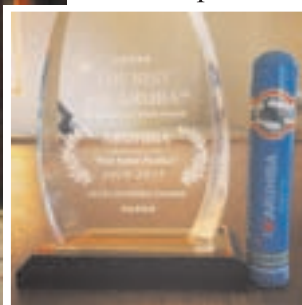
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Andrew McCarthy of 'Pretty in Pink' writes young adult novel

NEW YORK (AP) — Andrew McCarthy is taking a new step in his life as a writer — a young adult novel. The actor known in the 1980s for "Pretty In Pink" and "St. Elmo's Fire" has a deal with Algonquin Young Readers for "Just Fly Away," the story of a teenage girl who learns her father has had a son from an extramarital affair. The publisher announced Monday that the book is scheduled to be released in the spring of 2017.



In this May 17, 2015 file photo, Andrew McCarthy arrives at the at Disney Media Distribution International Upfronts in Burbank, Calif.

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In recent years, McCarthy has written numerous travel essays, his work appearing in The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal among other publications. He also wrote a memoir about travel called "The Longest Way Home."

Mariah Carey to receive star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame

NEW YORK (AP) — Mariah Carey will receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame next week. The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce announced Monday that Carey will get the 2,556th star on Aug. 5. Guest speakers will include directors Lee Daniels and Brett Ratner, as well as Epic Records CEO and long-time Carey collaborator L.A. Reid. Carey is one of the most successful acts in music. She has 18 No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, sold millions of albums and won a number of awards,



In this May 17, 2015 file photo, Mariah Carey arrives at the Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas.

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including five Grammys. She recently launched a residency in Las Vegas where she performs her No. 1 hits, including "Vision of Love," "Hero" and "We Belong Together."



Trump dominates nightly news on election, study shows

DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Since the beginning of June, Donald Trump has received more coverage on the broadcast network evening newscasts than all of the other candidates for president combined, with his estranged former partners at NBC giving him the most attention. The statistics offered by Andrew Tyndall, a consultant who studies the content of evening newscasts, is one snapshot of how Trump has seized the media's attention to the detriment of his rivals. The ABC, CBS and NBC evening newscasts spent 114 minutes on campaign coverage from the beginning of June through the end of last week, and

Trump was the focus of 60 of them. The closest competitor was Jeb Bush with 15 minutes. Tyndall counted five minutes for Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton, although that didn't include stories about her government email while secretary of state. NBC has devoted 35 minutes to Trump coverage, including his interview with Katy Tur. CBS had 16 minutes, Tyndall said. ABC's "World News Tonight" had eight minutes of Trump coverage, six of them last week. Trump had a longtime relationship with NBC as host of "The Apprentice" though the network has cut ties with him on the show after he announced his can-

didacy. The network also angered him during the past month by cancelling its broadcast of the Miss Universe pageant, owned by Trump, because of the candidate's comments on Mexican immigration. That corporate quarrel hasn't seemed to affect NBC News' coverage of Trump's campaign, Tyndall said. In general, "Nightly News" has paid more on-air attention to the presidential campaign this summer than either "World News Tonight" or the "CBS Evening News," he said. "They haven't gone out of their way to attack him," Tyndall said. "They just cover him more." NBC declined to talk publicly about their campaign coverage.



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